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WHITE 'WIFE' SEEKS ESTATE

NATIONAL BANK OPENS DOORS SAT.

Overton President Of New Institution Prominent Citizens On Board

On last Saturday, July 1st, the Douglas National Bank of Chicago, State at 32nd street threw open its doors to the public and stand at the first national bank to be operated by black people of America. Capitalized at \$200,000.00 with a surplus of \$10,000.00, duly authorized by their charter No. 12227 over the signature of Comptroller of Currency, D. R. Crisinger on June 27th, and a member of the Douglas National Bank stands as a monument to racial achievement.

Anthony Overton, head of the Overton Hygienic Company, reputed to be one of the wealthiest and best business men in the country is the head of the newly launched institution. Mr. Overton in interview said that the



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bank would be conducted along the lines of the largest banking institutions of the country and would be strictly business-like in every respect. This policy will be carried out regardless, assuring all who have dealings with the bank that their transactions could not be handled better at any other institution.

To Build New Building
The present location of the bank is at 32nd and State streets, pending the building of the new home at northeast corner of 35th Place and State, which four story fireproof structure will be completed before December of this year. The Continental and Commercial Bank will be the Chicago correspondent until the Douglas Bank is made a member of the Chicago Clearing House. Though open and ready for business, the bank will hold its formal opening on July 12th when friends and the public at large are cordially invited to visit the bank and receive souvenirs. Business men and others have congratulated Mr. Overton on the success of his undertaking and feel sure that the new bank will be a decided asset to the community.

KLAN LEADER CONVICTED.
BAKERSFIELD, Cal., July 4.—John H. Vetter, former Exalted Cyclops of the Tait (Cal.) Ku Klux Klan, was found guilty by a jury last night of assaulting Dr. Dwight R. Mason of Tait by beating him with ropes.

Vetter was acquitted of a charge of assault with intent to commit murder, and the jury disagreed on the charge of assault with intent to do great bodily injury by hanging.

The third indictment, on which Vetter was convicted, is punishable by from one to ten years in prison. He will appear in court for sentence on Monday.

Vetter was accused of attacking Dr. Mason at the Tait ball park on the night of Oct. 27, 1921. According to Dr. Mason's testimony given during the trial, more than thirty hooded and masked men were at the place at the time of the alleged attack. He also testified that his wife and three other women saw him attacked.

BEATS OUT BRAINS WITH A HAMMER

Rivals For Lady's Hand Battle On Thirty-First St. Hammer Ends Duel

Rivalry for the hand of a woman of fair hair and blue eyes resulted in the gruesome murder of Tom Donaldson, of 42 West 27th St., on last Sunday morning at 2 o'clock in front of the Lincoln Gardens at 459 E. 31st St. Walter Smith, who committed the murder, is the owner of a taxi cab stand at 3751 Rhodes Ave.

Hammers Donaldson's Brains Out.

Eye witnesses to the tragedy relate how Smith became enraged at Donaldson because of his overtures to the woman in the case, whose name is being withheld for the present and seized a hammer and beat his skull into fragments, the brains of the slain man were strewn over the tracks of the cross town street railway. Before the hammer was used a terrific encounter between the rivals held sway and only the aid of Joseph Smith, brother of the accused man saved the murderer from serious injury. It is reported that Joe ran into the affray and seized Donaldson and held him while his brother secured the hammer. When Sergeant McDermott and Cogger arrived upon the scene, Donaldson lay in a pool of blood beaten into a bloody pulp. He was carried to the Provident hospital but was dead when placed upon the operating table. The accused man and his brother were still upon the scene of the crime when the officers arrived, he surrendered and with his brother was carried to the Stanton Ave. station.

Inquest To Be Held on the Eleventh.
The coroners inquest will be held on the eleventh of the month. Atty. Robt. Cantwell has been retained as the lawyer for the accused, it was upon his request that the inquest has been postponed. At the inquest a tangled love tale will be revealed which will uncover the tale of the murder.

MORDECAI JOHNSON SPEAKS AT HARVARD COMMENCEMENT

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 1.—The Rev. Mordecai Johnson, graduated from the Andover Theological Seminary and the Harvard Divinity school and was one of the Commencement speakers. Rev. Johnson is a graduate of Morehouse College of Atlanta, Ga., and the University of Chicago. He has long held the reputation of being a brilliant speaker. While a member of the black race, the Reverend appears so fair that his appearance upon the rostrum at Harvard could not arouse the ire of the Southern Alumni which is waging such a fight to have the black people segregated and discriminated against at this great university.

Hobo Shoots Trainman Who Kicked Him

HOUSTON, Texas, July 5.—W. H. Reed, conductor on the Southern Pacific Lines, is in the hospital at Columbus suffering wounds inflicted by a black hobo. The hobo was riding the rods when discovered by Reed who began to kick him in the face and about the body. In a scuffle which followed the hobo secured the conductor's shot gun and emptied it in his body. Injuries sustained by the gunshots are not as serious as the fall upon the rails. The hobo made good his escape thru the Texas thickets and altho followed by a posse of citizens and the blood hounds no track of the tramp has been discovered.

LYNCH THIRTY

Records compiled by Tuskegee Institute under the direction of Monroe N. Work, in the Department of Record and Research, set out that there were thirty lynchings during the first six months of Nineteen Twenty-two.

This is six less than the number, 36, for the first six months of 1921, and 18 more than the number, 12, for the first six months of 1920. Of the 30 persons put to death, 19 or 63% were in two states, Mississippi (7), and Texas (12).

Of those lynched, two were whites and 28 were dark. Eleven of those put to death were charged with the crime of rape and nineteen were charged with other offenses. Five of those put to death were first put to death and then their bodies were burned. Four of those lynched in the year 1921, were burned at the stake and three were first put to death and then their bodies were burned.

The states in which lynchings occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Alabama, 1; Arkansas, 2; Florida, 1; Georgia, 4; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 7; South Carolina, 1; Oklahoma, 1; and Texas, 12.

COMMITTEE O. K.'s DYER LYNCH BILL

WASHINGTON, July 4th.—The Dyer anti-lynching bill, providing for imposition of penalties by the federal government for mob action, was reported favorably with amendments today by the Senate judiciary committee by a vote of 8 to 6.

Eight Republicans, Chairman Nelson, Minnesota; Dillingham, Vermont; Brandegee, Connecticut; Cummins, Iowa; Colt, Rhode Island; Sterling, South Dakota; Ernst, Kentucky, and Shortridge, California, voted in favor of the bill. One Republican, Senator Borah of Idaho, and five Democrats, Culberson, Texas; Overman, North Carolina; Reed, Missouri; Shields, Tennessee, and Walsh, Montana, were recorded in opposition.

Senators Ashurst, Democrat, of Arizona, and Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, did not vote.

The vote today ended a long committee fight over the bill which was passed last January by the House and which has been urged by negro and other organizations. Opponents of the measure have declared it an unconstitutional interference with state rights.

Comparatively few changes were made in the original House bill, and these were said to be designed to meet the constitutional objections. A subcommittee of the Senate committee recently recommended defeat of the bill on a technical ground that it violated the constitution. Some senators voting today for a favorable report were said to hold doubts regarding its constitutionality, but thought the bill should be enacted and put up to the supreme court.

Mackay Resigns From Liberator

NEW YORK, June 30.—Claude Mackay, who recently created note by being selected to serve on the editorial staff of The Liberator, a white socialist magazine, preemptorily resigned last week. Mr. Mackay was the center of attraction in New York a few weeks ago when a dance was halted because Mr. Mackay was dancing with Crystal Eastman, a highly cultured young lady of the Caucasian race. He is the author of Harlem Shadows and is recognized as a poet of no mean ability.

COME SEE ME KILL "NIGGER" SAYS FARMER

Invites Friends To Witness Murder and Kills Farm Hand In Cold Blood

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., July 4.—Louis Husky, a young white farmer surrendered to the sheriff at Gunterville yesterday and was lodged in jail on the charge of murdering Ollie Horton, a black man who worked on a plantation in Morgan county.

Invites Friends to See Murder.

Evidence disclosed at the coroner's inquest over the fact that Husky was heard going around his friends inviting them to "come and see him kill a nigger." The friends, it is reported, refused to accompany the murder, and attempted to dissuade him from his heinous plan but to no avail. Husky carefully loaded and oiled his Winchester rifle and stealthily crept out to the Chunn Plantation where the black man was quietly picking cotton.

Fails to Get Quarrel.

After cursing the black man and heaping insults and indignities upon him, Husky was charged because no quarrel ensued, but on the following day he returned and opened fire upon Horton without warning. When the cotton picker fell wounded in the back, Husky hastened to his prostrate body and pressing his rifle to his breast shot him again as he was gasping his last from the effects of the first shot. Up to the present time the exact cause of the murder has not been disclosed but it is rumored that the murderer was provoked and nettled because the black man refused to work for him for seventy five cents a day. The slain man bore a splendid reputation in the community and was respected by all who knew him because of his diligence and thrift. It is claimed that the white friends of the dead man are much incensed and swear that Husky must pay with his life for his cold blooded deed.

BANK AT MOUND BAYOU CLOSED BY EXAMINERS

MOUND BAYOU, Miss., July 1.—The Mound Bayou State bank was closed yesterday by order issued by the state examiners because of an alleged misappropriation of \$5,000 by the Cashier D. A. Carr. The closing may be only temporary as a plan of reconstruction is being worked out by the directors. E. F. Mooze and B. A. Gren have been appointed special agents. Mound Bayou is one of the few complete black cities in the United States.

HOODED MOB KIDNAPS AND FLOGS MERCHANT

VALDOSTA, Ga., July 3.—Five men, wearing white robes and hoods, visited the place of business of N. G. Roney yesterday, according to Roney's report to the police and took him in an automobile to a strip of woods, where they administered a severe beating.

Roney said he was told by the band to stop selling and drinking whiskey and never again to address a white woman. Roney was almost in a fainting condition when he arrived back in the city, he said.

KLAN HOLDS INITIATION AND BARBECUE NEAR AUSTIN.

AUSTIN, Texas, July 4.—Forteen towns were represented in a Ku Klux Klan rally and barbecue held three miles south of Austin tonight at which more than 450 candidates were initiated.

Three robed klansmen rode through town and were followed to the meeting place by thousands of spectators.

THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE



WM. TAGGART AND FORMER WIFE (?) AND LATEST HUSBAND

ATTACHES PLOW TO HIS NECK JUMPS IN RIVER

STAR CITY, Ark., July 4.—George Brown grew weary of his seventy-five years and the heavy plow which bowed his back and tying the plow around his neck he plunged into the Bartholomew river. He had worked for one farmer for fifty years and had never been over fifty miles from the plantation. The body and the plow have been recovered.

Dreams Do Not Always Come True

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 3.—The Rev. E. Samuel Boyd, pastor of the Centennial Methodist Episcopal Zion church of Vernon, N. Y., does not only preach sermons, he also dreams, dreams and talks to spirits, but dreams do not always come true and the spirits sometimes play pranks upon their confidants. Through dreams and the spirit world it was revealed to the parson, according to his claim, where the bandits who recently broke into the Bronx National Bank had hidden their loot. The parson gathering up his ministerial robes hastened to the bank with visions of a nice, fat reward, and whispered into the official's ears that they would find their money hidden in the tires of their auto.

Confides in Detectives.

The officials not putting too much faith in spirits and dreams directed the good Reverend to confide his information to Captain John E. McGrath, head of the fifth detective bureau. The captain hastened Detectives Clark and Cermody to investigate the automobile.

They took off the tires and searched with great care but no money was there. The parson walked slowly away, shaking his head in meditation. Dreams don't always come true. The parson will bear witness to that.

TO SELECT QUEEN FOR PAGEANT FROM SOUTHSIDE

Speculation as to who will be elected South Side Queen to represent this district in the Pageant activities, is running high. At this time no one is leading. Each candidate is on an equal footing. Interest and enthusiasm are teeming through the district and those desiring to enter this popularity contest must do so at once. There are splendid chances for candidates, just entering, to win. Every lady in this South Side District, be she colored or white, is eligible to enter. The only restriction is that she must be over 18 years.

Many Gala Events.

The entire series of events have been planned to make a stupendous display of the progress that this district has made. They will include a Field Day, July 22nd, (place to be announced later), District Parade, July 24th, the Coronation of the Queen, July 24th, at the Eighth Regiment Armory, by Mayor William Hale Thompson, and the Grand Parade in the Loop, July 29th, which will include all of the outlying districts in Chicago.

More Candidates Wanted.

Any lady, regardless of color, who wishes to enter the popularity contest may do so by sending her name and address at once to the Chicago Business League, Pageant Headquarters, 3451 Michigan Ave., Room 8. The following is a list of names whom the public is asked to vote for. Check your candidate, go to a merchant and ask for free voting coupons, then VOTE.

Kills Preacher Gets Reprieve

LAKE CHARLES, La., July 5.—Jesse Reon, convicted of killing Charles Haven, aged apostolic preacher, about seven miles north of Vinton, last year, has been given a ninety day reprieve. It is claimed that Reon is mentally unbalanced.

LOVE TANGLE TIES UP WILL AND DEED

Leaves "Husband" While Living Now Seeks To Get His Property

The cold hand of death, the eternal love triangle, unrequited love and greed for this world's goods were revealed last week, when Attorney G. C. Adams, representing the relatives of Wm. R. Taggart, carried their case to the Supreme Court in an effort to wrest the property now in possession of Wm. Taggart's former wife, who took the property left by him on his death, last year, even though she had left him for another love, before he died.

Tangled Skein of Lives and Loves

The evidence shows that Wm. Taggart fell desperately in love and married February 12, 1913, one who represented herself to be Elizabeth Broseman, white. For years all went like a sweet dream of love. Taggart, thrifty and ambitious, contracted to buy the house at 3642 Vernon avenue, in which they lived, from Bartlett & Co., his wife also signing the contract. Then Taggart's love dream was shattered when he learned that his wife had listened to the honeyed love song of Charlie Bournhagen, white, a butcher at Weinstein's Grocery, 37th and Vernon avenue. Broken hearted and sick, Taggart saw his home and love shattered, his wife leaving him to live out south, taking all of the furniture. That was in September, 1919.

Husband Number One Arrives

In the meantime, Taggart found out that his wife was really never his wife at all, as she was married at the time she went to his bed and board as his lawful wife. Her former husband came to town, but seemed satisfied to let Taggart continue in his "paradise of dreams." As sickness and grief confined Taggart to his bed for most of the time, it was not until April, 1920, that he succeeded in having his marriage annulled, but his sisters kept up the payments on the house until finally paid. In June, 1921, though, they overlooked the fact that the faithless wife had secured the deed to the property, recording it in her name after Taggart's death in September, 1921.

Marries Again

Now the same Elizabeth Broseman Taggart, after leaving the loveless butcher, has appeared to have married John Swanson, white, and has taken every legal step to prevent the sisters of Taggart from having possession of the property, having one Royanna Goff appear as the purchaser of the premises. Though the case was dismissed in Judge Sullivan's court, the sisters of Taggart are taking the case to the Supreme Court, where they hope to regain possession of the home in which their life's savings have been put. Royanna Goff is represented by Attorney Molison, Attorney G. C. Adams handling the case of Taggart's sisters.

"Give Me Your Gun." He Did. He Is Dead.

After a heated quarrel with his lady friend, "Irene," William Little, 26, 43 E. 29th street, was shot in the abdomen by her at his home on Wednesday a. m., July 5. It was stated that after he had beaten her up, she made the remark that if she had a gun, she would shoot him. He gave her his gun, thinking that all of the shells were out, but there was one left in the revolver. She took advantage of the situation and made use of the lone shell. She fired, striking him in the abdomen. He was rushed to the County Hospital where he died immediately after his arrival. Inquest was held Thursday, July 6, 10 a. m., at the County Morgue.